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HOUSE BILL 308

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE; CHANGING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AUDIOLOGY AND HEARING AID  
DISPENSING; PROVIDING SEPARATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-14B-3.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1999,  
Chapter 128, Section 3) is amended to read:

"61-14B-3.1. SCOPE OF PRACTICE--APPRENTICE IN SPEECH AND  
LANGUAGE.--The scope of practice for an apprentice in speech  
and language is to provide adjunct services that are planned,  
selected or designed by the supervising speech-language  
pathologist. These services may include:

A. conducting speech-language or hearing  
screenings;

B. following documented [~~treatment~~] intervention

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1 plans or protocols;

2 C. preparing written daily plans based on the  
3 overall intervention plan;

4 D. recording, charting, graphing or otherwise  
5 displaying data relative to client performance and reporting  
6 performance changes to the supervisor;

7 E. maintaining daily service notes [~~or delivery~~  
8 ~~notes~~] and completing daily charges as requested;

9 [~~F. reporting but not interpreting data relative to~~  
10 ~~client performance to teacher, family or other professionals;~~

11 ~~G.] F. performing clerical duties, including~~  
12 maintenance of therapy and diagnostic materials, equipment and  
13 client files as directed by the supervisor;

14 [~~H.] G. assisting the speech-language pathologist~~  
15 during client treatment and assessment; and

16 [~~H.] H. assisting the speech-language pathologist~~  
17 in research, in-service, training and public relations  
18 programs."

19 Section 2. Section 61-14B-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1996,  
20 Chapter 57, Section 12, as amended) is amended to read:

21 "61-14B-12. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE--SPEECH-LANGUAGE  
22 PATHOLOGIST [~~AUDIOLOGIST~~].--A license to practice as a speech-  
23 language pathologist [~~or an audiologist~~] shall be issued to  
24 [~~any~~] a person who files a completed application, accompanied  
25 by the required fees and documentation; certifies that the

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1 applicant is not guilty of any of the activities listed in  
2 Section 61-14B-21 NMSA 1978; and [~~who~~] submits satisfactory  
3 evidence that the applicant:

4 A. holds at least a master's degree in speech  
5 pathology, speech-language pathology or communication disorders  
6 [~~or audiology~~] or equivalent degree regardless of degree name  
7 and meets the academic requirements for certification by a  
8 nationally recognized speech-language [~~or hearing~~] association;  
9 and

10 [~~B. certifies that he is not guilty of any of the~~  
11 ~~activities listed in Section 61-14B-21 NMSA 1978; and~~

12 ~~G.]~~ B. currently holds a certificate of clinical  
13 competence from a nationally recognized speech-language [~~or~~  
14 ~~hearing~~] association in the area for which [~~he~~] the applicant  
15 is seeking licensure; or

16 [~~D.]~~ C. has [~~submitted evidence of having~~]  
17 completed the current academic, practicum and employment  
18 experience requirements for a certificate of clinical  
19 competence from a nationally recognized speech-language [~~or~~  
20 ~~hearing~~] association in the area for which [~~he~~] the applicant  
21 is applying for license and has passed a recognized standard  
22 national examination in [~~either~~] speech-language pathology [~~or~~  
23 ~~audiology or both and has complied with the provisions of~~  
24 ~~Subsection B of this section]."~~

25 Section 3. A new section of the Speech-Language

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1 Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act,  
2 Section 61-14B-12.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

3 "61-14B-12.1. [NEW MATERIAL] REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE--  
4 AUDIOLOGIST.--A license to practice as an audiologist shall be  
5 issued to any person who:

6 A. files a completed application, accompanied by  
7 the required fees and documentation; certifies that the  
8 applicant is not guilty of any of the activities listed in  
9 Section 61-14B-21 NMSA 1978; and submits satisfactory evidence  
10 that the applicant:

11 (1) holds a master's degree in audiology or  
12 communication disorders; or an equivalent degree awarded prior  
13 to January 1, 2007; meets the academic requirements for  
14 certification by a nationally recognized speech-language or  
15 hearing association; and currently holds a certificate of  
16 clinical competence from a nationally recognized speech-  
17 language or hearing association in the area that the applicant  
18 is seeking licensure; or

19 (2) has completed the current academic,  
20 practicum and employment experience requirements for a  
21 certificate of clinical competence in audiology from a  
22 nationally recognized speech-language or hearing association  
23 and has passed a nationally recognized standard examination; or

24 B. files a completed application, accompanied by  
25 the required fees and documentation; certifies that the

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1 applicant is not guilty of any of the activities listed in  
2 Section 61-14B-21 NMSA 1978; and submits satisfactory evidence  
3 that the applicant:

4 (1) holds a doctoral degree in audiology or  
5 equivalent degree regardless of degree name and meets academic  
6 requirements for certification by a nationally recognized  
7 speech-language or hearing association; and

8 (2) has completed the current academic,  
9 practicum and employment requirements of a nationally  
10 recognized speech-language or hearing association; and has  
11 passed a nationally recognized standard examination in  
12 audiology."

13 Section 4. Section 61-14B-15.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws  
14 1999, Chapter 128, Section 8) is amended to read:

15 "61-14B-15.1. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE--APPRENTICE IN  
16 SPEECH AND LANGUAGE.--A license to practice as an apprentice in  
17 speech and language shall be issued by the board to [~~any~~] a  
18 person who files a completed application accompanied by the  
19 required fees and documentation and provides satisfactory  
20 evidence that the applicant:

21 A. is working toward full licensure pursuant to the  
22 provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and  
23 Hearing Aid Dispensing Practices Act;

24 B. has a baccalaureate degree in speech-language  
25 pathology or communicative disorders or an equivalent degree

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1 ~~[regardless of degree name]~~ or a baccalaureate degree in  
2 another field with thirty semester hours of credit in speech-  
3 language pathology ~~[audiology]~~ or communicative disorder;

4 C. is enrolled in and successfully completes  
5 graduate classes in speech-language pathology or communicative  
6 disorders at a minimum rate of nine semester hours per year and  
7 is accepted into a master's level program in speech-language  
8 pathology or communicative disorders within two years of  
9 initial licensing;

10 D. maintains a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average  
11 in ~~[his]~~ the master's degree course and other work;

12 E. is supervised by ~~[an individual]~~ a person  
13 licensed as a speech-language pathologist who has a minimum of  
14 two years experience as a speech-language pathologist; and

15 F. receives a minimum of ten percent direct  
16 supervision and ten percent indirect supervision."

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